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Applicant: Short, et al. (amended)  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on June 15, 2001.

The requested extension is for four (4) months, extending the period for response to December 17, 2001.

A check for the total sum of \$2,372.00 (\$720.00 of which) is enclosed for the three-month Extension of Time fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on December 17, 2001, in an envelope addressed to Box Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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